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**CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 01-12**

Animal and Plant  
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Subject: Temporary Release Procedures for Veterinary Biologics

Veterinary Services

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Due to the recent interruption of normal mail and delivery services and to ensure the uninterrupted availability of veterinary biological products, the Center for Veterinary Biologics-Inspection and Compliance will accept facsimile copies of Veterinary Biologics Production and Test Report, APHIS Form 2008 and 2008a, for processing serial release requests.

Effective immediately, facsimile copies of 2008s may be submitted through September 30, 2001, in place of 2008s bearing an original signature, unless extended. To be acceptable, the information on facsimile copies must be legible including the signature of the authorized firm representative.

Because the facsimile document will be considered the original document for this limited period, it will not be necessary to submit follow-up 2008s bearing an original signature.

There is no change in the policy requiring the submission of representative samples of each serial to the Center for Veterinary Biologics-Laboratory prior to the release of the serial for marketing. Except for conditional releases of serials in documented cases of animal health emergencies, all serials are subject to the normal serial release procedures prescribed in 9 CFR part 113.6.

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